

Bean Project, Leadership Arvada, Red Rocks Community College Foundation Board, and the Center for Work, Education and Employment. Doris has even created a unique program through State Farm that honors clients on their birthday with a gift to a local non-profit. The program has raised awareness for many non-profit organizations such as Habitat for Humanity and Foothills Animal Shelter.

Doris' love for learning and new experiences is one of her trademark qualities. In addition to her work in the U.S., Doris contributes her time to international leadership development. She has worked with Habitat for Humanity as a Global Village Builder in Fiji and in Northern Ireland. Doris and her family has also been a host for three Rotary exchange students. Through State Farm, she has mentored and guided new agents new to the business and remains committed to the development of young people and their future.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Doris Stipech for generously giving her time and effort to non-profit organizations, as well as mentoring young people and future agents alike.

IN HONOR OF FORMER GEORGIA
GOVERNOR CARL SANDERS

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 1, 2014

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable statesman and civic leader, Mr. Carl E. Sanders, former Governor of Georgia. Sadly, Governor Sanders passed away on Sunday, November 16, 2014. His passing marks the close of a long and prolific life, and his departure leaves a void in the hearts of Georgians. A memorial service for Mr. Sanders was held on Saturday, November 22, 2014 at Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia.

Carl E. Sanders was born on May 15, 1925 in Augusta, Georgia. A skilled athlete, he earned a full athletic scholarship to the University of Georgia, where he was to play quarterback. However, after his freshman year of college, he joined the Army Air Forces during World War II. He was trained to pilot a B-17 Bomber, which he named "Georgia Peach," but the war concluded before his services were required abroad.

Carl Sanders returned to finish his education at the University of Georgia, and met the woman who would become his wife, Betty Bird Foy. They married in the summer of 1947, after he graduated with a degree from the UGA School of Law.

After being admitted to the Georgia Bar in 1948, Mr. Sanders began his career in an Augusta law firm, but kept a close eye on Georgia's political landscape. Six years later, he ran for and won a seat in the Georgia House of Representatives. In 1956, State Representative Sanders was elected to the Georgia Senate, where he served three terms. During this tumultuous time period, Senator Sanders advocated for keeping Georgia's public schools open when many of his colleagues favored closure to avoid implementing court orders to desegregate.

In 1962, Senator Sanders was elected as the 74th Governor of Georgia at the young age of 37. During his four-year term, he brought a series of progressive reforms to Georgia. He made education his first priority and his administration added 10,000 new teachers. His legacy includes expanding access to higher education by establishing more community and junior colleges throughout Georgia. His administration reorganized the State Highway, Welfare, and Health Departments and established the State Water Quality Control Board, the state's first environmental regulatory office. He negotiated the deals that brought professional sports teams, the Braves and the Falcons, to Atlanta. Under his leadership, Georgia had the top-ranked airport development program in the nation, with 42 airports being built during his term. At the conclusion of his term, Georgia stood at a surplus of \$140 million.

As Governor, he also worked closely with State Senator Leroy Johnson, the first African-American to serve in the Georgia Senate, and worked quietly to remove remnants of the Jim Crow system from the State Capitol and other state facilities. He appointed the first African Americans to serve in the Georgia State Patrol.

Within a year of leaving Georgia's Gold Dome, Mr. Sanders and two colleagues created the law firm Troutman Sanders LLP. Over the years, the firm grew tremendously, and now employs over 600 people in offices from Atlanta to Hong Kong. He managed the firm for over 25 years, and where most men would have retired, Mr. Sanders assumed the role of Chairman Emeritus and remained an active part of the business until his passing.

Governor Sanders accomplished much throughout his life but none of this would have been possible without his enduring faith in God and the love and support of his wife of 67 years, Betty; his daughter, Betty Foy Botts, and son, Carl Sanders, Jr.; and his beloved in-laws and grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me, my wife, Vivian, and the more than 700,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District in paying tribute to former Governor Carl E. Sanders for his remarkable leadership in our great State of Georgia. He shall be remembered as an outstanding Governor, a champion of education, and a supporter of civil rights during a time when few had the courage to do so. We extend our deepest sympathies to his family, friends and loved ones during this difficult time and we pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

HONORING MAYOR WILLIE W.
WEATHERFORD

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 1, 2014

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Mayor Willie W. Weatherford of Manteca on his retirement and to personally thank him for his dedicated, life-long spirit of community service.

Mr. Weatherford started his career in public service as a Manteca city police officer in

1966. He was promoted to Police Sergeant in 1971 and seven years later to Police Captain. He was named Police Chief and City Manager for the City of Galt in 1983 but found he was missing "the family city". The Weatherfords made the move back to Manteca after a few years, and Willie took the helm as Police Chief until he retired in 1994.

Not one for retirement, Mr. Weatherford ran a successful campaign for a seat on the Manteca City Council just two years later. He was elected Mayor in 2002 and is currently completing his third term in office.

Notable projects completed during Mayor Weatherford's tenure include: conversion of an abandoned sugar beet factory into Spreckels Industrial Park, several senior housing projects, multi-purpose gyms at Golden West School and Sequoia School sites in conjunction with the Manteca Unified School District, a skate park, BMX park, Big League Dreams sports park, the Tidewater Bike Path, which converted nearly four miles of abandoned railroad tracks into a pedestrian and bicycle pathway, Stadium Plaza, Northern California's first Bass Pro Shop and the Manteca Lifestyle Center at the Promenade.

Mayor Weatherford's dedication to service extends far beyond the public sphere with membership in several community organizations, including the Manteca Safety Council, Manteca Kiwanis Club United Lutherans Church Council, serving on the Board of Directors for the Boys and Girls Club, United Way, Eskaton Independent Senior Living, and as District Chairman for the Boy Scouts. He has truly made a substantial and lasting impact.

Mr. Weatherford and his wife, Sherilyn, have been members of the Manteca community for more than 42 years. He is the proud father of two daughters, Dawnis and Dayna, and grandfather to 5.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Manteca Mayor Willie Weatherford, on his retirement and thanking him for his exemplary leadership and service to the community.

DR. LINA KULKARNI POLITANO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 1, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Dr. Lina Kulkarni Politano for her inspirational leadership and giving back to her community.

Dr. Politano is board certified and a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics, a distinction which less than 30 percent of orthodontists attain. With a passion for Orthodontics she began building her practice from scratch. Today she serves as a member of the American Association of Orthodontists, the Rocky Mountain Society of Orthodontists, the American Dental Association, and the Metropolitan Denver Dental Society.

In addition to her work, Dr. Politano is proud to give back to the community where she grew up. She is a committed supporter of several schools' educational programs. This commitment extends to her alma mater D'Evelyn School, where she serves on the D'Evelyn Education Foundation's Board of Directors.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Dr. Lina Kulkarni Politano for being honored by